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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL RESPONSE TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
ON VIKING MISSION -

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
FROM SYG WALDHEIM ON THE VIKING MISSION TO MARS. PLEASE
FORWARD THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL REPLY FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
SYG WALDHEIM:

QUOTE ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
KIND MESSAGE ON THE SUCCESS OF THE VIKING MISSION.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MAN GAIN PERSPECTIVE ON HIS PLACE IN
THE UNIVERSE. THIS UNDERLYING MOTIVATION OF OUR SPACE
PROGRAM HAS SPARKED SOME OF OUR MOST IMAGINATIVE AND
IMPORTANT EFFORTS. WE HOPE THAT THE EXPLORATION OF MARS
AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE ON THAT MYSTERIOUS PLANET WILL
ALSO IMPROVE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR OWN PLANET AND WILL
PROMOTE COOPERATION AMONG ALL PEOPLES ON EARTH.

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WE LOOK FORWARD TO A CONTINUED PROGRAM OF IMPORTANT
ACTIVITIES IN SPACE, AIMED NOT ONLY AT IMMEDIATE APPLICA-
TIONS TO OUR PRESSING PROBLEMS BUT ALSO AT ACHIEVING A
MORE COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THOSE QUESTIONS SO CRUCIAL

TO THE FUTURE OF MANKIND. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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